

**TOWN OF BERWICK  
AGENDA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
January 13, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.**

**PRAYER:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**POLICE REPORT:**

**FIRE REPORT:**

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CONSULTING ENGINEERS REPORT:**

1. **Payment Request #5 - \$2,070.69 - North Pathway Ext.**
2. **Payment Request #3 - \$104,695.92 - South Pathway Ext.**
3. **Payment Request #2 - \$11,360.88 - PD Addition**
4. **Certificate of Substantial Completion & Resolution**
5. **Ralph Guidry - Hwy. 90 Property**
6. **Appointment - Planning & Zoning Board - Tina Rodriguez**
7. **Brenda Hilliard Green - BHG Productions, Inc.**

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE TOWN OF BERWICK, STATE OF LOUISIANA  
TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY

January 13, 2004

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Berwick, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall, Berwick, Louisiana, Tuesday, January 13, 2004 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Mayor Emmett Hardaway, and Councilmen, Louis Ratcliff, Bill Johnson, Ray Rasberry, and Edgar Thomas, Jr.

Absent: Elaine Cantrell

Also present were representatives of the Daily Review, KQKI and Channel 39.

Mayor Hardaway led the prayer.

Edgar Thomas, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Berwick, State of Louisiana were duly convened as the governing authority of said Town, by Hon. Emmett Hardaway, Mayor, who then stated that, the Mayor and Council were ready for the transaction of business.

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been reviewed, were approved on motion by Mr. Rasberry and seconded by Mr. Johnson.

The Treasurer's report, having been reviewed, was approved without reading upon motion by Mr. Ratcliff and seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Chief Duval Arthur presented the police report, a copy of which was included in each of the Councilmen's packets, for the month of December 2003. There was a considerable increase in fines in 2003.

Fire Chief Garrett Guillot stated there were four calls in December 2003, one vehicle accident, two residences, and one business, the St. Stephen Catholic Church Thrift Store.

The Public Works report was the next item on the agenda. A copy of this report was included in the packet each Councilman received prior to the meeting. Mr. Ratcliff asked if the South Pathway Extension completion met with Town Superintendent Allen Benoit's approval. He said there were a few minor things to address but everything else was okay.

There were no committee reports. The Mayor stated that we had received a few calls concerning recycling. We are not recycling at this time but he informed the public that there were three locations to drop off recyclable objects, one at the landfill, one at Lakeside Supermarket, and one between Tampicos and Hargrave Funeral Home.

Gulf South Engineers' monthly report was included in the packet, which each Councilman received prior to the meeting. There were four items as follows: (1) Payment Request #5 (item #1 on the agenda); final payment on the North Pathway Extension in the amount of \$2,070.69 was approved upon motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Rasberry. (2) South LA 182 Pathway Extension - This project is now complete. Application for Payment #3 (item #2 on the agenda) in the amount of \$104,695.92 was approved upon motion by Mr. Ratcliff and second by Mr. Thomas. A Certificate and Resolution of Substantial Completion (item #4 on the agenda) was approved upon motion by Mr. Ratcliff and second by Mr. Thomas. (3) State Capital Outlay 2002 - Police Station Addition - Payment Request #2 (item #3 on the agenda) in the amount of \$6,997.50 was approved upon motion by Mr. Rasberry and second by Mr. Thomas. (4) Downtown Redevelopment Master Plan - A presentation was made to the Atchafalaya Basin Program. The next meeting of the program will be February 19, 2004 in Morgan City (4) State Capital Outlay - 2004 - Four applications were submitted for the November 1, 2003 deadline. The projects are:

Pattie Drive extension, Renwick Blvd. Extension, Riverfront Dock (Downtown Plan) and Public Works Storage Building.

Item #5 on the agenda - Ralph Guidry appeared before the Mayor and Council on behalf of Star Enterprises, Inc. which owns 67 acres on the western corporate limits of Berwick to ask for a commitment from the Town to supply water and sewer to this property as he has a potential buyer who will possibly develop approximately two acres of said property. Mr. Guidry stated that he feels this will be beneficial to the Town and if the Mayor and Council decide that it isn't, then he would not hold them to the commitment. Options were discussed by Carl Jakobs, engineer with GSE Associates, Inc. After a lengthy discussion the Mayor asked that Louis Ratcliff, Edgar Thomas, Jr., and Carl Jakobs meet with Ralph to review all options, and come up with a proposal. The Mayor will then go to the Parish Council with this proposal and seek their participation. Mr. Paul Naquin asked to be included on this panel.

Item #6 on the agenda - Mayor Hardaway recommended Tina Rodriguez for appointment to the Planning & Zoning Board. The Mayor's recommendation was unanimously approved upon motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Rasberry. Mr. Hardaway thanked Ms. Rodriguez for agreeing to serve.

Item #7 on the agenda - Brenda Hilliard Green with BHG Productions, Inc. appeared before the Mayor and Council to request financial support for her organization. Mayor Hardaway stated that he would get back to Ms. Green and inform her of the Council's decision.

Mayor Hardaway stated in 2004 we are going to have a "think positive attitude." He is instituting a "Positive Image Award." The first two recipients of this award are Bridgette Exnicious, Animal Warden and Clarence Robison, Berwick Housing Authority Director.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting adjourned.

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Emmett Hardaway, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cathy T. Guidry, Town Clerk